

REMARKS

Summary of Claim Status

Claims 1-3, 8-17, 20-22, and 26-28 are pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-4, 8-13, 16-18, 20-23, 26, and 27 are rejected for the reasons discussed below. Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 19, 24, 25, and 28 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but indicated as otherwise allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner for this acknowledgement of patentable subject matter.

Applicants have amended the claims to place them in form for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the pending rejections and objections in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion.

Claims 1, 8-10, 16-17 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yip et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0032318 ("Yip"). Claims 2, 4, 12-13, and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yip in view of Kean, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0015919 ("Kean"). Claims 11, 18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kean in view of Yip. Claims 3 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kean in view of Yip. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections with regard to all claims. However, the rejections are believed to be moot in light of the present amendments.

Claims 5-6, 14-15, 19, 24-25, and 28 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicants have: canceled Claims 4-6, and included the features from Claims 4-6 into Claim 1; canceled Claims 18 and 19 and included the features from Claims 18 and 19 into Claim 11; and canceled Claims 23-25 and included the features from Claims 23-25 into Claim 21. Thus, Applicants believe each of Claims 1, 11, and 21 is now in form for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of Claims 1, 11, and 21.

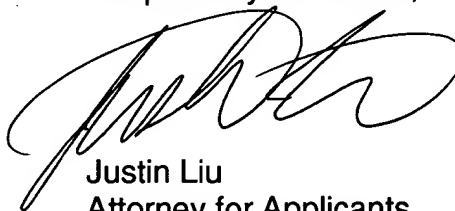
Claims 2, 3, and 8-10 depend from Claim 1, and thus include all of the limitations of Claim 1. Claims 12-17 depend from Claim 11, and thus include all of the limitations of Claim 11. Claims 22 and 26-28 depend from Claim 21, and thus include all of the limitations of Claim 21. Applicants believe each of Claims 1, 11, and 21 is allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore, for at least the same respective reasons, Applicants believe Claims 2, 3, 8-10, 12-17, 22, and 26-28 are also allowable, and respectfully requests allowance of such Claims.

Applicants have also amended Claim 20 to include limitations substantially similar to the amendments in Claim 11. Therefore, Applicants believe Claim 20 is also in form for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and allowance of Claim 20.

Conclusion

No new matter has been introduced by any of the above amendments. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that Claims 1-3, 8-17, 20-22, and 26-28 are in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is therefore requested. If action other than allowance is contemplated by the Examiner, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' attorney, Justin Liu, at 408-879-4641.

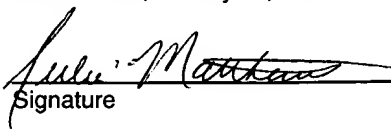
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